

PATENT APPLICATION # 09635,624May 28, 2002AMENDMENTClaims

1. A method for collecting fees associated with a vehicle for road usage comprising:
 - (a) assigning a unique identification code to said vehicle; wherein said identification code is a number, letter, symbol or combination thereof
 - (b) issuing by a central agency to said vehicle a plurality of said passive identification means which contains said unique identification code which had been assigned to said vehicle;
 - (c) affixing to said vehicle each of said passive identification means at designated, different locations on said vehicle;
 - (d) establishing an account associated with said identification code at a central agency;
 - (e) placing in a selected areas, readers for reading said identification code from said passive identification means on said vehicle when said vehicle passes said reader means;
 - (f) transferring data containing said identification code from said reader to said central agency when said reader reads said identification code from said vehicle when said vehicle passes said reader; and
 - (g) charging against said established account a road usage fee.
2. A method for collecting fees associated with a vehicle for road usage

comprising:

- (a) assigning a unique identification code to said vehicle, wherein said identification code is a number, letter, symbol or combination thereof;
- (b) issuing by a central agency to said vehicle a plurality of passive identification means which contains said unique identification code which had been assigned to said vehicle;
- (c) affixing to said vehicle each of said passive identification means at designated, different locations on said vehicle;
- (d) establishing an account associated with said identification code at a central agency;
- (e) moving readers for reading said identification code from said passive identification means on said vehicle when said moving reader/ readers passes said vehicle;
- (f) transferring data containing said identification code from said readers to said central agency when said readers read said identification code from said vehicle when said vehicle passes said readers; and
- (g) charging against said account a road usage fee.

3. A system for collecting road use fees from a vehicle using the road comprising:

- (a) a plurality of passive identification means for identifying a vehicle, each of said identification means affixed to said vehicle at a different location on said vehicle, said identification means having a unique identification code thereon, said identification code having been previously assigned to said vehicle;

(b) an account associated with said identification. code and established at a central agency; and

(c) readers placed in a selected area or areas for reading said identification code from said identification means when said vehicle and said readers pass each other,

(d) or when said vehicle is stationary and the reader/readers is mounted in a moving vehicle or hand-held and which passes said stationary vehicle,

(e) or when said reader is stationary and said vehicle moves past said reader,

(f) or when said reader/readers transfer data containing said vehicle's identification code to said account at said central agency so that said vehicle is charged a road usage fee.